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LOUISVILLE MAN INDICTED FOR FEDERAL NARCOTICS AND FIREARMS VIOLATIONS

-- Convicted felon charged with possessing two handguns and crack cocaine

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal grand jury in Louisville returned an indictment against Ronald L. Robinson, age 32, of Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, on charges of possession of crack cocaine with the intent to distribute, being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and being an armed career criminal, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

The Indictment alleges that on March 29, 2007, Robinson possessed a loaded Beretta .40 caliber handgun and a loaded R6 Industries .22 caliber handgun along with 40.6 grams of crack cocaine in his residence. Robinson had previously been convicted of Robbery II Degree, 2 separate incidents of trafficking in cocaine as well as possession of cocaine, all felonies. The total street value of the drugs seized was approximately \$2,000.00

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, a \$4,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 8 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert B. Bonar. The Louisville Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with Louisville Metro Police Department, as part of

ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire is a cooperative effort by the Jefferson County Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorneys Office, the Louisville Metro Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the United States Attorney's Office to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the state and federal law.

Robinson is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on July 18, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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